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CHOICES

in the
U.S. Coast Guard



THE COAST GUARD GIVES YOU INTERESTING, EXCITING CHOICES TO CONSIDER.

In the United States Coast Guard, you could do a lot of things that will make you a valuable asset to a lot of people—including yourself.

You can learn a special skill or get the experience you need to land a good civilian job. If college is in your mind, but not within financial reach, the Coast Guard has several programs to help you work toward your degree, including tuition assistance and current Veterans' Assistance benefits.

You may even qualify to be a Coast Guard officer and enter Officer Candidate School, or enter the Coast Guard Academy where you'll get four years of the finest education possible.

The Coast Guard is a different choice to serving in the other armed forces.

Sure, there are uniforms to wear, regulations to follow, and a long tradition of serving the nation in peace and war.

But in peacetime, the Coast Guard has many duties beyond defense preparedness. We save lives and property, protect endangered marine life, enforce the laws of the seas, fight pollution on our lakes and along our coastlines.

The Coast Guard is also responsible for monitoring vessel traffic in our major harbors, keeping shipping lanes open in our ice-bound regions, stopping poachers who enter our fishing territories, and for promoting maritime safety.

There are a lot of responsibilities and a lot of jobs. That means a lot of choices for anyone's special talents or desires to develop them.

Coast Guard people choose their successes and their lifestyles.

When you're off duty, your time is your own. You can spend it with friends, further your education, build a family, or enjoy any of your benefits.

Beyond a paycheck, you get:

- housing and meals or a special pay allowance to cover them,

- free medical and dental care for you; partial benefits for your dependents,
- 30 days a year paid vacation,
- uniform allowance,

- shopping privileges at military commissaries and exchanges,
- eligibility for retirement benefits,
- eligibility for Veterans' Assistance benefits.

Many Coast Guard entry choices exist to help you get the right job.

REGULAR ENLISTMENT

If you qualify, you begin with eight weeks of boot camp—rigorous physical training and practical classroom work to prepare you with the basics of Coast Guard operation and teamwork that built this service.

After graduation, you will be sent to a field unit to experience the service first-hand. You can choose your specialty and apply for any petty officer school or climb the ranks through on-the-job training and independent study.

Where and how far you go from there is up to your determination and the needs of the service.

OFFICER PROGRAMS

The Coast Guard Academy in New London, CT, selects cadets in an annual nationwide competition. There are no Congressional appointments, only judgment based on your academic and extracurricular achievements in high school. Graduates of the four-year program are given a bachelor of science degree and a commission as an ensign.

The Coast Guard Officer Candidate School in Yorktown, VA, is for those candidates who have a college degree and for hard-working enlisted people who can show progress toward one. The 17-week school graduates earn a commission as an ensign.

RESERVE PROGRAMS

The Coast Guard Reserve augments the Regular forces in all missions. Reservists may choose from the same specialty fields and schools offered to Regular enlisted people or they may choose from the two fields that only Reservists can fill—port security and data processing.

Reserve service begins with basic training, then specialty training. After that, Reservists usually drill



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☐ Coast Guard Reserve
☐ Coast Guard Academy
☐ Coast Guard Officer Candidate School

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